

Roxbury Gas Light Company, Gasholder
8 Gerard St. at Massachusetts Ave.
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Date: 1868-73

Location: 8 Gerard St. at Massachusetts Ave. Boston, Suffolk
County, Massachusetts.

Owner: Originally; Roxbury Gas Light Company.
Presently; Standard Importing Company.

Significance: Seventy feet high and 110 feet in diameter, the brick gasholder was constructed between 1868 and 1873, one of several built by the Roxbury Gas Light Company at the southern end of South Cove. In 1905 the company consolidated with with the other local gas companies to become the Boston Consolidated Gas Company. The original retort and purifier houses were removed the following year, replaced by the existing office building and repair and paint shops on Hilton St. Building permits indicate that the gasholder may have been a "moving picture exhibition space" in the 1920's. Once a common feature of the urban industrial landscape, this is one of only two complete gasholders left in Massachusetts.

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